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To: All Field Offices

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) GS-0401 Education Program

**Purpose:** The purpose of this memo is to notify all BLM Human Resource Offices that the courses listed below meet the education requirement for the GS-0401 Fire Management Specialist series.

UNLV is a nationally recognized and fully accredited university of higher learning. Upon successful completion of the program UNLV will provide the students with an official transcript that will verify the coursework was completed.

Successful completion of this program will provide the candidate with 18 upper division and 6 lower division credit hours in the Biological Sciences which meet the basic education requirements identified in the Policy Interpretation of the Supplemental Qualification Standard for the GS-0401 Fire Management Specialist.

Currently, the following courses are offered through UNLV for the GS-0401 Education Program. Each is a 3 semester hour course.

- 1. Fundamentals of Life Science for Federal Land Managers (lower division)
- 2. Modern Biology II for Federal Land Managers (lower division)
- 3. Conservation Biology for Federal Land Managers (upper division)
- 4. Principles of Ecology for Federal Land Managers (upper division)
- 5. Field Ecology for Federal Land Managers (upper division)
- 6. Principles of Plant Ecology for Federal Land Managers (upper division)
- 7. Biological Modeling for Federal Land Managers (upper division)
- 8. Biogeography for Federal Land Managers (upper division)

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